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Rejuvenation Conference
Glades Community Development Center and Acting On the Water invites all Glades citizens to attend the Rejuvenation Conference this Friday and Saturday, June 23 and 24 at Palm Beach Community College and the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.
To RSVP call GCDC at 892-9500.

Vacation Bible School
The public is invited to participate in New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church's Vacation Bible School Program during June 30, 2000, Monday through Friday, from 5 to 7:00 p.m. The "2000" theme is "Awesome Adventures with Jesus". New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church is located at 3101 West Ave. in Belle Glade.
For additional information, please contact Aurlie Williams, Rosie Jones or Rev. R. F. Hairston III.

Kids N The Park
Non-Perishable Ministries is hosting a "Kids N The Park" Summer Bible Club through July 31 in South Bay in the Community Center Building. The event will be from 10 a.m. until noon each day and is open to children ages 5 to 12.

The Summer Bible Club is free and open to the community.
For more information, call Pam Combs at 561-338-2397.

Church to celebrate 85th anniversary
The Senior Usher Board of St. John First Missionary Baptist Church will observe its 85th anniversary on Sunday, June 25 at 3 p.m.
Sister Dorothy Belle will be the messenger for the occasion. All ushers and well wishers from the surrounding area are invited to attend.
The church is located at 600 S.W. 8th Street, Belle Glade. Rev. J.B. Adams is the pastor.

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Shown above are just a few of the kids and adults who participated in the NFL Football camp this past Saturday at Glades Central Community High School. See Page 7 for more photos and a story.
Photo by Adrian Vereen

Youth Unity Players Theater Company to produce plays at Pahokee's Prince Theater

By Tracy Whirls
Associate Editor
The Pahokee City Commission at their regular meeting June 13 approved the request of the Youth Unity Players Theater Company to use the Prince Theater in Pahokee as the site of their plays and rehearsals.
Al Milligan told the commissioners that the company, which will be funded by Calling All Colors of Florida, Inc., is composed of local students who have been working under the direction of film and theatre educator Trish Dempsey on Saturdays from noon-2 p.m. since the end of the school year.
"There are a number of youth sitting on the side of the street and quite a few of those students are interested in the additional

activities that this will provide in the summer and year round," Mr. Milligan said, noting that students will write and perform the plays as well as doing backstage support and working to clean up the theatre.
Mr. Milligan asked that the city waive the rental and maintenance fees and to allow the group "not exclusive but majority use" of the facility.
Ms. Dempsey told the commissioners that a lot of clean up work in the theatre must be done first, as well as training the young actors and production staff. She said she expects the group to produce four plays at the theatre this year.
Mr. Milligan said the project has received the

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Man charged with battery on two Pahokee officers

By Tracy Whirls
Associate Editor
A Pahokee man was charged with two counts of aggravated battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting arrest with violence after he attempted to flee following a routine traffic stop.
According to Pahokee Police Department Chief Gary Frechette, George McClesie, 26, of Pahokee was the passenger in a vehicle that was pulled over

for a routine traffic stop at 2:58 a.m. Friday, June 16 on the corner of Fifth Ave. and South Lake Blvd. in Pahokee.
When officers Kim Cesaro and Shaun Solitis approached the vehicle the man attempted to flee.
Officer Cesaro received a laceration to her chin and Officer Solitis received bruised ribs during the effort to subdue the suspect. Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Sgt. J. McCann and other officers responded to assist.
Both officers were transported to Palms West Hospital for treatment. Both have returned to duty, said Chief Frechette.
The chief said the suspect told officers he attempted to flee because he was afraid there was a warrant for his arrest. The driver of the vehicle was cited for minor traffic infractions.

Man wanted by South Bay PD in shooting, armed robbery

By Tracy Whirls
Associate Editor
The South Bay Police Department is looking for a South Bay man in connection with the June 16 armed robbery and shooting at the Starling Motel on US 27 in South Bay.
According to police department reports, the suspect shot at Finest Meridor, missing him but striking the door frame of his vehicle.
The suspect was identified as Arthur, a.k.a.

"Dusty" Baynes, 37, of South Bay. Baynes, who is also wanted on an active felony warrant for battery on a pregnant female. He is described as 5'11; 250 lb; black man, bald with brown eyes and a black mustache. He was last seen driving an older model white Oldsmobile.
Anyone with information concerning the suspect's whereabouts is asked to contact Corporal Brown of the South Bay Police Department at 996-6512.

Police say stabbing not gang related

By Brenda Bunting
Editor
A 17-year-old Belle Glade youth is hospitalized in St. Mary's Medical Center in stable condition with a stab wound to the abdomen and a broken jaw after an incident last Sunday evening.
Det. Matthew Sweet with the Belle Glade Police Department says Carlos Florez and three of his friends got into a fight with Richard Delgado, 17, and two of his friends about 10 p.m. at a small lot on the corner of NE 30th Street and NE Avenue I.
Florez and Delgado had exchanged words earlier and both left and came back with knives, said Det. Sweet.
Delgado also came back with a female relative, Julie Delgado and another friend, Raimondo Rodriguez.
Police say Delgado stabbed Florez once in the stomach. Delgado was taken by trauma Hawk to St. Mary's.
Det. Sweet said the incident was not found to be a gang related retaliation. Delgado was arrested and charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.
Raimondo Rodriguez was charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and Julie Delgado was charged with felony battery.
Police say they plan to interview Florez and more arrests of the other participants are expected.

Popular Glades Area School Superintendent Eugenia Jones succumbs to cancer. See Obituaries, Page 6.

New Pahokee police chief targets codes and drugs

By Tracy Whirls
Associated Editor
Pahokee's newly hired Police Chief Gary Frechette, in his first report to the city commission June 13, said his first 13 days with the department had been exciting both for himself and the officers.
Some of the changes since Chief Frechette took office have been cosmetic; the officers have selected new patches to wear on their uniforms and the insignia on cruisers will be changed. Captain Frechette told the commissioners. Police department staff and public works personnel have worked to clean up the station. The chief has also arranged to employ a GCI trustee at no charge to clean and maintain vehicles and equipment for the department.
The Captain said morale is high and the department is now fully staffed, with a waiting list of seven additional officers seeking employment.
The new chief has targeted code enforcement and drug trafficking in his first two weeks in office. Chief Frechette told the commissioners officers have been working closely with Pahokee code enforcement and had already red-tagged 27 vehicles to be removed from local residences.
"Once they're red-tagged, if they're not placed in a garage or a carport within 10 days, we can call a tow truck and have them removed, even from private property," Chief Frechette said.
"That's one thing we can do immediately," he added, explaining that officers are receiving training to allow them to enforce local code ordinances.
The new chief thanked businessman Scott Parker who has donated office space for the department on Adam's Place, and said that an officer has been assigned to foot patrol in the Rardin Avenue neighborhood. "The gentlemen on the corner don't know what to do," Chief Frechette said, referring to the area which has been described as the scene of street corner drug deals, gambling and other activity.
The chief said the department will provide signs to local businesses prohibiting loitering, which will allow officers to arrest violators who do not move on.
Rev. Pat Wallace and Rev. White have both been certified as police chaplains, the new chief said, and will be working with the department to improve relations between the department and the community.
The chief said one of his immediate priorities will be to begin seeking grant funds to purchase vehicles, computers and other equipment for the department.



Gove Boys and Girls Club welcomes principal

Members of Gove Elementary's Boys and Girls Club welcomed their new Principal, Mr. Daniel Alfonso. Mr. Alfonso is a wonderful addition to Gove and an alumnus of the Boys and Girls Club of America. He is also a new member of the local Boys and Girls Club Board. The students presented him with a basket of fruit and a book they wrote and published introducing the staff of Gove's Boys and Girls Club and reasons the students were glad they were members. Mr. Alfonso also received official recognition of his alumnus status and is officially part of the Boys and Girls Club of America's Alumni Association.

Registration for fall 2000 at Lake Shore Middle School begins Aug. 11

Lake Shore Middle School is excited about the 2000-2001 school year. We would like to take this time to tell you about the registration procedure and health requirements for the upcoming school year.

All parents/guardians will need to register 6th, 7th and 8th grade students for the 2000-2001 school year. Registration will be held at our new school on Aug. 11 and Aug. 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Aug. 15 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. This is a great opportunity to visit us and see our new school.

All sixth grade students

entering Lake Shore Middle School will need to present a HRS 680 Immunization Form (Blue Card). No physical is required for this grade level. No child will be able to register or attend class if they are out of compliance with their health requirements.

All seventh graders will need to have a physical. If they were in the fifth grade during the 1998-1999 school year and had a physical on or after Aug. 19, 1998, it will be accepted for the 2000-2001 school year. Seventh grade students will also need to have started their Hepatitis B Series and have had a tetanus

booster. No child will be able to register or attend class if they are out of compliance with their health requirements.

All eighth grade students will need to have completed or be in compliance with their Hepatitis B series of shots. No child will be able to register or attend class if they are out of compliance with their health requirements.

If you have any questions regarding the registration procedure or health requirements, feel free to call Lake Shore Middle School. Thank you for your time and concern in your child's education.

Glades Central High School Mixed Chorus wins Virginia Beach MegaFest Award

The Glades Central High School Mixed Chorus has won the North American Music Festival's highest honor, the Virginia Beach MegaFest Award for 2000.

The Glades Central Mixed Chorus was the highest-scoring of 25 eligible for the award, according to Douglas R. Cook, director. The Glades Central Choir was also the third high-

est-scoring of all 65 mixed choruses at the 19 festivals held by North American Music Festivals this spring, Mr. Cook said.

Belle Glade Charter school Lakeside Academy scores high marks on tests

The kindergarten students at Lakeside Academy, a charter school in Belle Glade, learned that scores on recently taken standardized tests placed them above most other kindergarten-aged children in the country.

The nationally recognized Terra Nova test used to evaluate the students is the newest version of the CTBS4 and its format is similar to the FCAT. The areas tested were reading, language arts and math. Ten students had scores placing them at the second and third grade levels.

Barbara Litniski, executive director/principal for Lakeside Academy said this type of result is easier to achieve when children enroll at the school from the start. Those students who transfer in later grades need remediation in skill areas and special instruction to improve study skills and behavior.

The academic-intensive Lakeside Academy maintains a small teacher to student ratio that permits a great amount of individualized attention, Ms. Litniski said. Teachers and students also benefit from the help provided by classroom aides.

Responding to growing demands, the school is in the process of finalizing a move to larger facilities that will permit expansion of its curriculum to include a middle school. Applications are now being accepted for the 2000-2001 school year.

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Robert Grande Selected to USA Today's Florida All Academic Team

By Heather Love
PBCC

Palm Beach Community College/Glades recent graduate and South Bay Police Department's Lieutenant Robert Grande was selected by USA Today to the Florida's All Academic Team for 2000. Robert was selected after advancing through a rigorous judging process of over 1,400 applications that were received for this year's competition.

According to Rod Risely, Executive Director of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of two-year colleges, "this exceptional recognition highlights the academic accomplishments of community and junior college students and the contributions they make within their communities."

Palm Beach Community College/Glades (PBCC) nominated Lt. Grande for this award not only because of his incredible commitment to his education but also his commitment to the community that he serves. When asked what he felt was his greatest educational accomplishment, his response was that he was able to achieve something that most other stu-



Lt. Robert Grande

dents are unable to do. During a summer term, which is half the time of a regular term, he successfully completed 21 hours (7 classes) and passed with "As", all of this while maintaining his commitment and professionalism to his community.

In December of 1999, Lt. Grande received his AA General Education degree from PBCC. He graduated with a GPA of 3.85 and was voted "Student of the Month" for April 2000. He also was chosen as the Glades Campus Speaker for Commencement Exercises held at Florida Atlantic University's Boca Raton Campus.

Lt. Grande, who is married to Kathleen and has three sons ages 7 years, 2 years, and 2 weeks, was

born in New York, N.Y. before moving to Port St. Lucie as a child. He has been serving with Glades law enforcement for eight years, putting in five years with the Pahokee Police Department before coming to his current position with South Bay. He is an active member of the Palm Beach County Crime Prevention Association, Palm Beach County Triad, and the Palm Beach County Robbery and Gang Task Force. He also serves on the Bayfest Committee and Palm Beach Community College's Glades Initiative.

On his accomplishment of receiving such a high honor he said, "It is an honor to have been selected as a member of the All Florida Academic Team. I owe many thanks to Dr. Helen Franke and her staff at the Fabulous Glades Campus. Without their guidance and support this would have never been accomplished. I owe my excellent education to them. With the scholarships that I have received with this honor I plan on continuing on with my education and someday plan on becoming a Chief of Police."

PBCC names President's and Dean's List honorees for spring semester

Students at Palm Beach Community College who have achieved academic excellence for the spring 2000 term have been named to the President's Academic Honors List and The Dean's Honor List.

The President's Academic Honors List includes the students carrying a full academic load who have earned a grade point average of 3.8 or higher.

The Dean's Honors List includes those students carrying a full academic load who have earned a grade point average of 3.20 to 3.79. These lists also include part-time students who have accumulated 12 or more semester hours credit

during the combined fall and spring terms.

The students from the Glades who have achieved academic honors include:

President's Academic Honors List: Jamila Abraham - Belle Glade; Ibrahim Alava - Belle Glade; Raven Lee - Belle Glade; Janice Mata - Pahokee; and Lana Fuller - South Bay.

Dean's Honors List: Tracy Posey - Belle Glade; John Evans - Belle Glade; Mireille Victor - Belle Glade; David Gonzalez - Belle Glade; Stacy Alston - Belle Glade; Heidi Lakatos - Belle Glade; Venente Elice - Belle Glade; Jaquay Byrd - Belle Glade; Sylvia

Walker - Belle Glade; Angelette Green - Belle Glade; Stephanie Marsh - Belle Glade; Rebecca O'Brien - Belle Glade; Robin Madden - Belle Glade; Brandi Schenfeld - Belle Glade; Dionne Ewan - Belle Glade; Francia Ponce - Belle Glade; Melissa Molina - Belle Glade; Yashana Thompson - Pahokee; Yashana Eaddy - Pahokee; Wendy Williams - Pahokee; Angelica Torres - Pahokee; Sonia Underwood - Pahokee; Anton King - South Bay; Theresa Clark - South Bay; Justina Palmer - South Bay; Johnette Burden - South Bay; Stephen Messam - South Bay; and Lucritia Jackson - South Bay.

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National HIV testing day is June 27

The National Association of People with AIDS in conjunction with the Palm Beach County Health Department and several other community organizations are sponsoring National HIV Testing Day June 27.

"There are many people in our community who are

unaware that they have the HIV virus," said Jayson Trussell, HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Disease educator with the Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County. "HIV testing day is an excellent way for people to learn more about sexually transmitted diseases. On the 27th anyone who

might be at risk will have the opportunity to be confidentially tested at a convenient location."

HIV and AIDS are no longer thought of as only a gay's disease. Since 1993, the number of women infected by men through heterosexual contact has increased 243 percent. Per-

sons who have had unprotected sex should be keenly aware of the risk they are taking and how it could affect themselves and others. Persons who should be tested include those who have had unprotected sex, anyone who has had a sexually transmitted disease, drug users, men who have had sex

with men, and all of their other sex and needle sharing partners. Although there is no cure, early detection can help prolong life.

The following are facilities locally where testing will take place on June 27:

The C.L. Brumback Health Clinic, Belle Glade, from 9 a.m.

to 5 p.m. 996-1600

St. Paul's Missionary Baptist Church, Pahokee, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Mount Zion, AME Church Annex, 249 S.W. 10th Street, Corner of Avenue C, Belle Glade from 5 to 9 p.m. Contact Sandra Daniels at 996-1600, extension 1734 for more information.

ER Chronicles: What if he had really hurt her?



Arlen R. Stauffer, MD

So, it was no surprise to Phil when a disheveled man in tattered jeans shorts and a stained T-shirt ambled toward his triage desk. It was Friday night, almost midnight.

"I got back pain," the man grumbled, towering his six-foot heavy frame over Phil and the desk. "I need some @&% pain medicine!"

Phil was a bit taken by the forcefulness of this man's pronouncement, but went about his job. He dealt with people in pain every day, and he knew that pain affected behavior in many different ways.

"Yes, sir. Could I have your name so we can get a chart started?"

The man peered down through skeptical eyes at the seated nurse, then slowly gave his name and address.

"John Smith," he said with a paranoid tone.

He shuffled his feet back and forth, and sighed every few seconds, indicating his displeasure at the length of time the registration process was taking.

It was just three minutes after his arrival, and Phil was leading an impatient "John" toward an ER bed.

"The doctor will be here in a few minutes to check you out," Phil said calmly as he left John's room.

"Tell him to get his @&% in here now!"

It seemed that John's level of agitation was rising, and Phil noted a fiery, angry look in those eyes as he turned away and walked toward the physician's desk.

"Hey, Doc. Be careful with this guy in Room 14; he's pretty agitated."

"Thanks, Phil."

Emergency physician Tammy Cortez rose from her chair. She was tired, her muscles were fatigued. She really did not enjoy these night shifts, but took her turn along with all 11 of her partners who staffed the Ocean's ER.

As she moved toward Room

14, Phil and one other nurse dropped in a step behind her.

Cortez was just 120 pounds. As the trio rounded the corner, they were met in the hallway by the seething, imperious figure. His eyes darted from one to the other.

"Sir, I'm Dr. Cortez. Let's come back to your stretcher. Her voice was calm, soothing. John backed into Room 14, then sat on the bed. As Cortez entered the room, she positioned herself near the doorway.

"I need some @&% pain medicine!" he blared.

"OK," Cortez said quietly, "but why don't you tell me just what problem you're having tonight?"

Before she could finish the sentence, John sat up at the foot-end of his bed, and then stood up. He was breathing hard, his hands were shaking. The look in his eyes was alarming, and Cortez moved back a couple more feet.

"I don't wanna talk! I want some medicine, and I need it now!"

Now his fists were clenched, and he rocked forward toward the physician. The second nurse retreated quietly, hur-

ried to the nursing station, and paged the hospital's security guard.

"Yes, Sir. I understand," Cortez said, trying to maintain an air of peacefulness. "If you'll sit back down..."

Before she could finish her request, John lunged forward. Although she turned quickly, the hard fist on his long right arm connected with the side of her head, sending Cortez sprawling and sliding across the tile floor.

As he dove onto this enraged man, Phil yelled for help. The two hit the floor as others came running, but John was too strong for Phil to hold. He tossed Phil into the wall, and turned toward the doorway. His bulky frame crashed through the arm connected with the side of her head, sending Cortez sprawling and sliding across the tile floor.

Although the back doors in the ER were locked, John crushed his way through them, and disappeared into the darkness outside. It was suddenly quiet in the ER.

Cortez, with her ear bleeding and her head throbbing, sat up against the wall. Phil stood up, then hurried toward the ER's broken back door. One nurse

dialled 9-1-1, while another pushed some gauze onto Cortez bleeding ear. The hospital security guard arrived, a mere one minute after receiving the page for help.

Fear filled the Ocean's ER. What if this man had pulled out a weapon? What if he had continued pummeling Cortez and Phil?

What if he tried to come back through the door in a few minutes? What if...

In the midst of increasing violence in certain areas of this country, a recent survey of U.S. hospital emergency departments revealed that 22 percent of them experienced an act of violence in the ER each month.

It is believed that three factors have contributed to this increased incidence of violence in American ER's. Patients suffering emotional or physical distress can "explode" suddenly when forced to endure long waits for treatment in overcrowded ER's, or when they are frustrated in their attempts to acquire drugs that they "need."

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Cathy Nance, who works at the Pahokee waste water facility, was presented with a plaque by Mayor Roy Singletary as Pahokee's April Employee of the Month. Absent when the photo was taken was May employee of the month James Mickel.

Theatre..

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support of the Palm Beach County Film Commission which will videotape the first production and present it at the county's annual film festival. The commission has also agreed to publicize the group's performances.

The whole theme is to increase the visibility of Pahokee, Mr. Milligan said. The city might forego some income based on rental of the theatre, but that will be dwarfed by the outcome of this project.

The commissioners asked the theatre company to work with city staff to allow scheduling of other events at the facility around the troop's production schedule and stipulated that the organization provide its own insurance.

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Sea creature in Lake O?

"I recently read in one of the tabloids about the sea creature that had been spotted on Lake Okechobee. It has been seen by dozens of tourists and visitors.

Well, that creature just hasn't gotten there, he was there in 1964, the year that I came here. He has been there for a very long time. He is very huge. If he should happen to walk out of that lake it would be very devastating.

I have told people for many years that there was something in that lake. I was laughed at. I have four sons and from the time that they were big enough to know what I was talking about, I told them that there was something in that lake. Now that someone has really spotted him and knows that he is out there, maybe people will believe.

It took from 1964 until 2000, for people to believe that there is a sea creature out there. I knew it when I first got here, when I first came to town in 1964. So people don't take this as a hoax. He is for real."

School prayer

"With the rash of shootings in schools such as what happened in Lake Worth. There has been a lot of people saying that they should reinstate mandatory prayers in schools. I believe that this idea would cause more trouble than it would cure.

After all what prayers would you use, Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Moslem; what is to who? It would be very hard to choose without offending somebody. I think that the better idea is for them to go back to using the paddle, then the student's prayers would take care of themselves."

No joke

"I don't think it's funny what you all put in the paper about we need to run around and sell the water. The water is nasty, it stinks and I will be at city hall to complain about this water.

We have families here. How can we let our children drink this water? And, we're not able to buy bottled water like some of the other people in the community.

And it's not funny to talk about how we need to sell it. I will be calling city hall. You have a blessed day."

Please fix bike/walking path

"I was wondering. With all the sidewalk repairs going on in Belle Glade if they are planning to make any improvements to the bicycle/walking path on Airport Road in front of the trailer parks?

In the evenings there are quite a few people who use this after work and a lot of children use it too.

I was just wondering if they're going to make any kind of improvement to that? Thank you."



"IT'S FOR YOU."

Letters to the Editor

Disappointed in coverage

Dear Editor:

I am one of several Belle Glade residents who were disappointed when *The Sun* failed to produce an article, publish a picture, or even make brief mention of the City of Belle Glade's Employee of the Month for March, 2000, police officer Shane Burns, in the June 8 issue.

Less than one month after embarking upon a new career as a police officer for the city, Officer Burns dove into a canal to successfully (and single-handedly) rescue the victim of a vehicle submerged in the water. For this outstanding job, Officer Burns was recognized at the June 5 City Commission meeting, where he received a plaque from Mayor Harma M. Miller.

I am delighted that other citizens who were recognized at the same meeting, including Pathfinder Scholarship Award recipients, and the organizers of "Stand for Children Week," received recognition in *The Sun*. Nevertheless, this made the absence of acknowledgment for Officer Burns' achievement all the more apparent.

In closing, I urge you to recognize Officer

Burns for his service to this community, future City of Belle Glade Employees of the Month, and all city police officers and citizens who go above and beyond what is required of them. No community, including our own, can afford to dismiss an opportunity to nurture community pride. In addition, I would be happy to provide *The Sun* with photographs of the event, should they be desired.

Sincerely,
Michelle Damms
Belle Glade

Editor's note: Thank you, Ms. Damms for your concern and offer. Officer Burns does indeed deserve recognition and we were pleased to be able to run his picture in the June 15 edition of *The Sun*. We had quite a bit of news we had hold over until last week and we can't always promise that news will get in the same week it happens. Normally, I would have just called you and let you know this, but since your letter contained information about Officer Burns' heroic actions, we wanted our readers to know this information.

Controversy engulfs reproductive services at school clinics

By Cathy Keen University of Florida News

Conflicts about sex education and reproductive services are creating a cultural divide among communities that have school-based health clinics, a new University of Florida study finds.

On one side are progressive communities and inner city areas with large numbers of poor, minority youth, where school-based clinics are most likely to thrive.

On the other are Southern States and conservative Christian strongholds, where the clinics are likely to founder, said Kenneth Wald, a UF political science professor and a study co-author.

"Something like morality politics issues engage people at the gut level," said Wald, who collaborated with Barbara Rienzo, a UF health science professor, and James Button, A UF Political science professor. "Whether you talk about needle exchanges, addressing homosexuality in the curriculum, or in this case reproductive services, it tends to bring out people who might not get involved in a more conventional kind of political struggle."

The number of school-based health clinics has risen dramatically from a few dozen in the mid-1980s to more than 1,200 today. Recently, however, the divergent views about morality have forced some to close, the study found.

The UF researchers' findings are based on a random nationwide survey of 226 school-based health clinics, an innovative form of health care that provides youth with everything from sports exams and immu-

nizations to reproductive and mental health services. The study is a continuation of one Rienzo and Button initiated in 1990.

"There is a racial element to this in that minority schools are most likely to have a lot of sexuality services, including condom distribution," Button said.

"In many of those communities, there's an understanding that Black and Latino youth really need these services because of the high teenage pregnancy rate, even though there are traditional churches that would normally oppose provision of reproductive care services."

Funding is a big problem for those schools, moreover, because white middle-class legislators and others often are reluctant to give money to poor neighborhoods, he said.

One of the biggest hardships for school-based clinics nationwide is that they are run by health care providers who lack experience building the community support, the study found.

"Many of these public health professionals were very naive about the politics of school-based clinics—how to build coalitions, maintain support and inform the school board and other local political leaders about the clinic and what it's doing," Button said.

School-based clinics began as an effort to fill a void in the nation's health-care system. Rienzo said. In 1998, alone, more than 11 million children—one in six—had no medical insurance at all, and millions more were uninsured for part of the year, she said.

In the UF study, 65 percent of the students served by school-based clinics were minorities and 67 percent were on free- or reduced-price lunch programs. Policy makers consider schools to be ideal places to offer health care because children spend more time in them than in other social institutions, and teachers and staff can identify problems early.

"One of the clinics' most important benefits is retaining students who might otherwise drop out of school, Rienzo said. "There's good evidence that providing basic medical care and keeping youth healthy enables them to do well in school," she said.

In the UF study, about two-thirds of the clinics also offer limited reproductive care services, mostly counseling and pregnancy testing, she said. "Although religious conservatives say clinics encourage teens to engage in sexual behavior by talking about it, research clearly shows they don't promote sexual activity," she said.

"What we found is that most parents really want these clinics, including when they offer reproductive services. In communities where health and school officials have mobilized support, clinics are growing and providing vital health services."

Wald believes clinics will catch on as a solution to the nation's health-care crisis. "The tragedy is that they won't be found in communities needing them most," he said. "poor communities in the South with the biggest health problems and the highest rates of teen pregnancies."



This picture dated 10-08-28 is of some of the houses at the Brown's Farm southeast of Belle Glade. This was a short time after the 1928 hurricane when everything was flooded. The small sign on the first house reads "laboratory." Notice the wood walkway for access. Picture from W.C. "Pop" Lord's files. Pop was manager of the Brown's Farm during this period.

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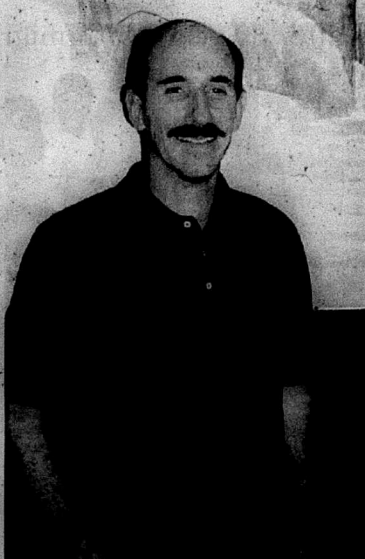
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Author Robert Mykle gave a talk to the Belle Glade Rotary Club Tuesday on his upcoming book "The Killer Cane: The Great Florida Hurricane of 1928." The story is about the storm of 28, the people and the land it affected. The author has interviewed nearly fifty hurricane survivors and their children and is continuing research to the causes of the 1928 disaster. The book covers the settlement of the Everglades, following three families in their journey from pioneers to survivors. His research has taken him from Washington D.C. and Miami to Alabama, Orlando and Tampa. To round out the story he is seeking to interview anyone who was on the South Bay barge during the 28 storm. Also, any of the women and children who were part of the march-out from Belle Glade to West Palm Beach ordered by Dr. Buck. He would like to talk with anyone who participated in the "Cemetery Detail." You can call 561-996-8488 or email robertmykle@world-net.att.net.



CRIME STOPPERS



Dundee Percel Bother

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc. is asking citizens to help locate Dundee Percel Bother, who is wanted for robbery and failure to appear on charges of possession of cocaine.

Bother is a black male, 5'2" tall, and weighs 120 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and his date of birth is December 18, 1978.

His last known address was

715 Mobile Home Park, Belle Glade.

His last occupation was as a laborer. His warrant was active as of June 12, 2000.

If you know the whereabouts of Dundee Percel Bother or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

Arrest Blotters

Editor's note: The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office made 10 arrests the week of June 13-19. Those arrested included:

June 13 - Deirdre S. Wade, 18, Pahokee, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon; **Juvenile, 17,** warrant aggravated assault with a firearm.

June 14 - Mira Hines, 37, Pahokee, warrant for felony larceny, grand theft motor vehicle.

June 16 - Alonso Allen, Jr., 33, Belle Glade, possession of cocaine with intent to sell.

June 17 - Alfredo Morales, 27, Belle Glade, DUI; **Juvenile, 16,** Pahokee, burglary.

June 18 - Willie P. Scott, Jr., 28, Carol City, warrant for battery; **Larry D. Harden, Jr., 25,** Belle Glade, domestic battery; **Joann McGregor, 28,** Belle Glade, aggravated battery with deadly weapon.

June 19 - Tatarian Williams, 21, Belle Glade, domestic battery.

SOUTH BAY

The South Bay Police Department made 9 arrests the week of June 11-17. Those arrested included:

June 11 - John H. Banks, 40, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; **Chester Dotson, 40,** violation of the open container law.

June 12 - No arrests made.

June 13 - Andre King, 38, possession of drug paraphernalia.

June 14 - Juvenile, 11, burglary of a residence.

June 15 - No arrests made.

June 16 - Pervious Roscoe, 18, aggravated battery; **Edwin J. Dennard, 37,** possession of drug paraphernalia; **Ernest Meridan, 24,** warrant for failure to comply with a court order.

June 17 - Wharayshare Marshall, 18, domestic battery.

BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 31 complaints and gave 16 traffic citations the week of June 12-18. Those arrested included:

June 12 - Willie Nelson, 45, felony battery; **Stacie Ingram, 28,** failure to pay traffic ticket.

June 13 - Herman Forhan, 48, possession of marijuana under 20 grams and

resisting arrest without violence; **Parish Roberson, 36,** resisting an officer without violence and felony retail theft.

June 14 - Freddie Taylor, 33, failure to appear on charges of retail theft; **Dwayne Bradley, 20,** aggravated battery on a pregnant female; **Robert Canty, 36,** burglary.

June 15 - Corey Burroughs, 31, failure to appear on charges of no or improper driver's license; **Artavious Warren, 20,** failure to appear on charges of aggravated battery on a pregnant female and two counts of violation of probation; **Lorenzo Gonzalez, 20,** failure to appear on charges of driving while license suspended and attached tag not assigned; **Juvenile, 13,** opposing by a disguised person; **Juvenile, 17,** pickup order for contempt of court.

June 16 - Ephone Kelly, 43, four counts of aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer.

June 17 - No arrests made.

June 18 - Louis Shelton, 31, battery on a pregnant female; **Juvenile, 17,** battery and criminal mischief; **Maurice Pittman, 28,** obstruction.

PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department handled 161 calls, issued 14 traffic citations and made 14 arrests the week of June 12-18. Those arrested included:

June 12 - No arrests made.

June 13 - No arrests made.

June 14 - Melvin Burgess, 29, affray; **Eddie Lee Daniels, 34,** aggravated assault, battery.

June 15 - Warren Wells, 19, possession of cocaine, obstruction by a disguised person, warrant for failure to appear in court; **Juvenile, 16,** aggravated assault; **Jesus Chavez, 35,** stalking and resisting arrest without violence.

June 16 - George McCleave, 26, aggravated battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting arrest with violence; **Anguan Evan, 25,** violation of probation; **Debra L. Jones, 41,** domestic assault; **Michael Ross, 20,** warrant for failure to appear in court.

June 17 - Robert Coney, 38, trespassing; **Irvin McKinney, 42,** possession of cocaine, resisting arrest with violence, possession of drug paraphernalia and trespassing; **Isaac Fulton, 37,** burglary and aggravated assault; **John Doe, 30,** disorderly intoxication, obstruction by a disguised person and resisting arrest without violence.

June 18 - Terry Scott, 20, simple battery.

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Service Guide

The "Glades Interagency Network (GIN)" is in the process of completing the "Glades Community Resources and Services Guide." If you wish to be included in this guide, please fax the following information to Terri Calletta, Glades General Hospital at 996-5711. Information should include: Agency name, address, services offered, contact person, telephone number, e-mail address and fax number.

Busch Wildlife Sanctuary to be at Belle Glade Library

On Wednesday, June 28 at 2:30 p.m. the Belle Glade Branch Library will present Mammals, Birds and Reptiles. The Busch Wildlife Sanctuary will help us explore a variety of native animals and bring a few live animals for us to see. Pre-registration is required. Call 996-3453 for more information.

Census 2000

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Florida is over 98 percent enumerated. The non-response follow-up phase, or door-to-door canvassing, will end this week.

As a result, the Bureau is accelerating the dates of its Coverage Improvement Phase, or their quality assurance effort, by three weeks, from July 27 to July 7.

Due to this recent change in the Census Bureau's schedule, Sunshine Count 2000 is stepping up efforts accordingly.

A toll-free number has been activated for anyone who did not receive a Census form or an enumerator visit. The number is 1-800-465-3013.

The Census Bureau has committed to accept a database of these names and make every effort to enumerate them. Although this campaign was supposed to commence at the end of June, census officials say it is essential they begin earlier than anticipated.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held at the Mobay Calvary Baptist Church in Belle Glade on June 20-22 from 9 a.m. to noon. Youth ages five to 18 are encouraged to attend. Registration will be held on Friday, June 16 at 3 p.m.

State Youth Congress

The State Youth Congress of the Eastern Florida Jurisdiction Church of God in Christ convenes June 20-24 at Greater St. Paul Church of God in Christ, 915 West Avenue A, Belle Glade. Pastor Clarence Brown, invites all churches in the community and the surrounding communities to share in the daily sessions. The theme is "Investing in Prayer for Our Youth Produces Great Dividends."

There will be evening worship nightly at 7:30 p.m. featuring the Jurisdictional Youth Choir. On Saturday, June 24, youth activities are scheduled. A picnic will follow.

Vacation Bible School

A Vacation Bible School will be conducted June 18-22 at Belle Glade Church of Christ, 125 N.W. Avenue D, Belle Glade. The VBS starts each day at 7 a.m. and dismisses at 8:30 p.m. There will be Bible classes for all ages and free refreshments. All materials are free.

Everyone is invited to attend and bring their family and friends.

Spay Shuttle to be in the Glades

The Spay Shuttle, Palm Beach County's low-cost mobile spay/neuter clinic for dogs and cats, will be in Belle Glade, South Bay and Pahokee.

They will be in South Bay at 730 Martin Luther King Blvd. and N.W. 8th Avenue June 22 to June 24 all day and in Pahokee at Foodland Grocer, 600 East Main Street from June 28 through July 1.

Continuation Celebration

Lutheran Services Florida Peppi Mead Start will host their annual Continuation Celebration at Lake Shore Civic Center, June 23, 2 p.m. The community is invited to attend.

For more information, call Shirley Walker at 996-1718.

Adult Programs

Glades Central Community High School will be open this summer until July 21, 2000, for Adult Education Programs.

Adult Basic Education, GED preparation, and English for speakers of other languages. Classes will be held Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - noon and 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Palm Tran will continue running buses until 8:35 p.m. and child care will be available during evening classes only.

High School credit classes for students who need to make up failed courses will also be in session. Call 993-4404 for more information.

'Name the Monster' Contest

According to *The Weekly World News*, Lake Okechobee has a monster lurking about its shallow waters. Is it a mutation with lesions or an overgrown alligator? Is it friendly or bashful? Does it have a name? With your help it will.

The staff of the Pahokee Grassy Waters Festival 2000 invite you to enter a "Name the Monster" contest. Since Pahokee is Palm Beach County's other coast, we feel it is our duty to name this "monster."

Please send your entries to the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce at 115 East Main Street. All entries must be received prior to Nov. 1, 2000.

No members of the Grassy Waters Committee or their immediate families are eligible. The winner will be announced at the Festival on Nov. 11 and receive a monstrous prize.

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Sports this week

200 Glades boys turn out for Roosevelt 'Tadpole' Blackmon camp



Nearly 200 Glades area boys ages 10-17 turned out for the second annual Roosevelt "Tadpole" Blackmon football camp held at Glades Central Saturday. Sponsored by the Glades Central graduate who plays for

the Cincinnati Bengals, the camp draws NFL players, many of whom with roots in the Glades, to Belle Glade each year. Participating this year were Lawrence Wright and Brandon Bennett, also from the Bengals,

Denver Bronco Jimmy Spencer, Baltimore Ravens' Duane Starks, Green Bay Packers Antuan Edwards, Indianapolis Colts Jessie Hester, Jacksonville Jaguar Fred Taylor, New Orleans Saint Robert Newkirk, Troy Edwards from the Pittsburgh Steelers, Jaluan Seider of the San Diego Chargers, St. Louis Rams Willie Jones, Jevon Kearse and Samir Rolle of the Tennessee Titans and Tampa Bay Buccaneers Reidel Anthony, Jacques Green, Shaun King and Anthony McFarland.

The camp kicked off with registration at 7:30 a.m. followed by exercises and drills. Every child who participated received a T-Shirt. Muck Wear donated 30 shirts to give away and McDonalds provided food. Following the camp, Glades area football alumni played basketball against other NFL players and the proceeds from the game were donated to Glades Central. Other sponsors gave away two computers and other gifts.

Special thanks are extended to Erica Worthy, Sharon Brown, Tammy Henry, Jay Seider, Regina Robinson and family members who attended the



Florida All-Stars fall to Georgia All-Stars

Despite the best efforts of Pahokee alum Eric Moore, who scored the Florida team's lone touchdown, the Florida All-Stars lost to the Georgia All-Stars during the annual game in Atlanta Saturday.

Moore was named the Florida All-Stars MVP, scoring the touchdown after a 53-yard run bringing the score to 7-6 in the first quarter.

The 6'4" 230 lb. offensive line-backer was named to the 1999-2000 Rival Com All American Team, Super Prep Player of the Year, All American Team, 1999 Gridiron Player of the Year, Steve Moore Player of the Week 1999, Defensive Player of the Year and leading tackler for the Pahokee Blue Devils.

"I consider myself lucky to have

been able to coach Eric Moore. Eric is an outstanding player, but more so an incredible person," said Pahokee Head Coach John Ford.

Joining 91 All-stars from across the state were Glades Central alums Reggie Vickers and Antonio Thomas and Eric Green and Alfonso Marshall from Clewiston. The team was coached by CHS Coach Al Morrell.

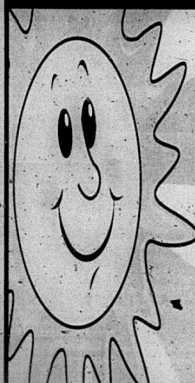


Glades Day High School Captain Tom Meeks of Belle Glade was named All Heartland of America Athletic Conference Honorable Mention 1999. Another two-year starter on the offensive line, Meeks has progressed to one of the top offensive line-men in the HAAC. He missed the first game of 1999 due to injury but rebounded to turn in a fine season at the left tackle position. He is a 2000 pre-season All-American nominee.

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